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Averting Crisis by Expediting Winter Shelter Launch for Residents Experiencing Homelessness

Reports of fatalities of several unsheltered individuals related to the recent severe weather conditions throughout Los Angeles County (County), including torrential rainfall, hail, winds, and lightning, which resulted in flooding and other life-threatening conditions, underscore the hazards of living on the streets. With more rain and adverse weather conditions predicted during the Thanksgiving holiday, the County should immediately ensure that those unsheltered have a safe haven to where they can seek refuge. Additional fatalities must be prevented, and this crisis can be averted.

In order to provide shelter to the County's most vulnerable residents, the Board of Supervisors must expedite the launch of the winter shelter program. The impending inclement weather conditions will negatively impact the health, safety, and wellbeing of all residents experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to expedite the immediate launch of the Winter Shelter Program, and report back to the Board of Supervisors in writing in two days with the status report of the launch.

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